Exemption to Kolar Gold Mining Companies from payment of Gold Duty.

Q.—266. Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI (Kolar Gold Fields—Scheduled Castes).-

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Why and what is the amount exempted as Gold Duty when exemption was last given to the Gold Mining Companies at Kolar ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

The question is not clear.

Grow More Food Scheme

Q.—447. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the 'Grow More Food' Scheme has been brought into effect in the State ;

(*b*) if so, when and how ;

(*c*) the amount that has been spent so far (details to be furnished) ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Started on All-India basis in October 1949 in order to implement several schemes included in the "Three-year Plan" adopted for increasing food production in the State.

(*c*) Rs. 2,74,33,245 for the year 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52. For details please see Statements appended to clause (*b*) of Question No. 63.

Statement by the Minister *re* : derationing in Mysore City.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—Mr. Speaker, I have to submit with your kind permission that I want to make a statement before the next subject is taken up.

Sir, as you are aware, the other day when we discussed about the food policy, the Hon'ble Leader of the House announced that Mysore City will be completely derationed. Certain information is coming to the Government that we have not issued a Government notification well in time and that it has led to a kind of belief that the Government have not promptly issued the Government notification. I would like to bring to your kind notice that as we are now governed by the Essential Supplies Act, these are matters which should receive the concurrence of the Government of India. In all these matters there is bound to be some unavoidable delay and therefore it does not mean that the Government have not been promptly moving in the matter. I should say that the Government announcement regarding the derationing in Mysore City remains, although the Government communique has not been issued in this behalf. We have been awaiting the concurrence of the Government of India as required under the law and I may as well say, a Press Note will be issued in this behalf setting out the circumstances wherein derationing has been ordered in Mysore City.

With regard to the free movement of foodgrains that we have announced previously, the Government of India have given their concurrence by means of their letter dated 7th July stating that they have approved of the policy adopted by this Government. Therefore I would like to allay the feeling or apprehension that the Government have not been moving rather promptly in the matter. We have been moving and if there is any delay, it is due to unavoidable causes.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—Regarding this question, I want some clarification. The Central Government.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—No, after the Press Note is issued, if the Member has still any doubt, he can have an opportunity, if the rules permit, to discuss this subject.

Now, we will go ahead with the presentation of the Reports of the Select Committees.